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TAGS: TECH, ENRG, IN

SUBJ: TARAPUR RERACKING

REF: BASTIN-COURTNEY TELECON OF JUNE 19.

1. I HAD LONG DISCUSSION TODAY WITH J.C. SHAH AND S.P. SINGH, SENIOR NUCLEAR ENGINEER OF APA, OF STATUS OF RERACKING PROJECT AND PARTICULARLY OF PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM KOTHARI'S UNTIMELY DEATH IN US. IN SUM, SHAH AGREED THAT GE FINAL DESIGNS SHOULD BE AIRMAILED SOONEST, GE/DOE TEAM SHOULD VISIT INDIA IN JULY, AND IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO EXTEND GE'S INDEMNITY THROUGH REFERENCES TO OTHER GE CONTRACTS WITH INDIAN ATOMIC POWER AUTHORITY.

2. INTERIM RACKS. TAPS HAS ALREADY STARTED PROCUREMENT FOR INTERIM RACKS INCLUDING ORDERING OF SQUARE TUBES BUT IS URGENTLY IN NEED OF MATERIALS THAT KOTHARI WAS EXPECTED TO BRING BACK FROM SANL JOSE. THEY EXPECTED TO GET SOME FRESH DRAWINGS AS WELL AS A SAFETY ANALYSIS FROM GE. SINGH URGED THAT WHATEVER DATA GE HAS PREPARED FOR INTERIM RACKS SINCE GRIMM'S MAY VISIT BE DESPATCHED IMMEDIATELY.

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3. HIGH DENSITY RACKS. SHAH SUGGESTED THAT FINAL DRAWINGS FOR HIGH DENSITY RACKS AS WELL AS OTHER MATERIALS GE PREPARING ON THIS PART OF PROJECT ALSO BE SENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. TEN DAYS SHOULD BE ALLOWED FOR APA STUDY OF THESE MATERIALS BEFORE ARRIVAL OF GE/DOE TEAM. SHAH BELIEVES THAT GE SHOULD DESPATCH MATERIALS BEFORE END OF

JUNE AND THE TEAM SHOULD GET HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF JULY.
TIME IS GETTING CRITICALLY SHORT AND THERE IS NO MARGIN FOR
DELAY.

4. SHAH ASKED THAT ALL DRAWINGS BE SENT IN TRIPPLICATE AS
HE HAS TO DISTRIBUTE COPIES TO PEOPLE IN TARAPUR AS WELL AS
TO POTENTIAL FABRICATORS. DISTANCES ARE SO GREAT BETWEEN
RECIPIENTS OF THESE DOCUMENTS THAT MUCH TIME WILL BE LOST
UNLESS HE HAS A LEAST THREE COPIES OF EACH SET.

5. GE TECHNICAL TEAM. SHAH WAS QUITE RECEPTIVE TO THE
IDEA OF HAVING GE TECHNIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE ON THE
SPOT FOR OPERATIONS CONNECTED WITH REMOVAL OF EXISTING
RACKS. HE ASSUMED THAT THE EXPENSES CONNECTED WITH
THIS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WOULD BE COVERED UNDER THE DOE
CONTRACT WITH GE. CONGEN TRIED TO QUERY HIM AS TO WHETHER
HE WAS PURSUING INTERIM RACKS OF HIS OWN DESIGN WHICH
MIGHT NOT MEET AMERICAN STANDARDS. HIS REPLY WAS THAT IF
GE PROVIDED HIM WITH DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR INTERIM
RACKS THAT COULD BE FABRICATED IN INDIA AND WERE SATISFACTORY
TO APA THERE WOULD BE NO NEED TO USE HIS OWN DESIGNS.
HOWEVER, GIVEN THE UNCERTAINTIES AS TO WHETHER APA WOULD
BE ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH GE ON A US-TYPE DESIGN,
HE SEEMED UNWILLING TO DISCARD HIS OWN ALTERNATIVE
ALTOGETHER, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING.

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6. GE INDEMNITY. SHAH WAS MUCH LESS RESISTANT TO MY
QUERIES ABOUT EXTENDING GE INDEMNITY THEN I EXPECTED BUT
HE LEFT NO DOUBT IN THAT THE LOCAL OFFICIALS ARE GUN-SHY WHEN
THIS TOPIC COMES UP. AFTER CONSULTING HIS IN-HOUSE LAWYERS HE
CONCLUDED THAT IT WAS ALTOGETHER POSSIBLE TO EXTEND GE INDEMNITY
TO INCLUDE ANY PROVISIONS WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN AGREED WITH GE
ON OTHER CONTRACTS. HE CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, AGAINST ATTEMPTING
TO INTRODUCE NEW PROVISIONS FOR INDEMNITY TO GE THROUGH
THE DOE CONTRACT.
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